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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT



NEW CLASS PGM

NPIC/R-120/67

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GROUP 1 EXCLUDED FROM
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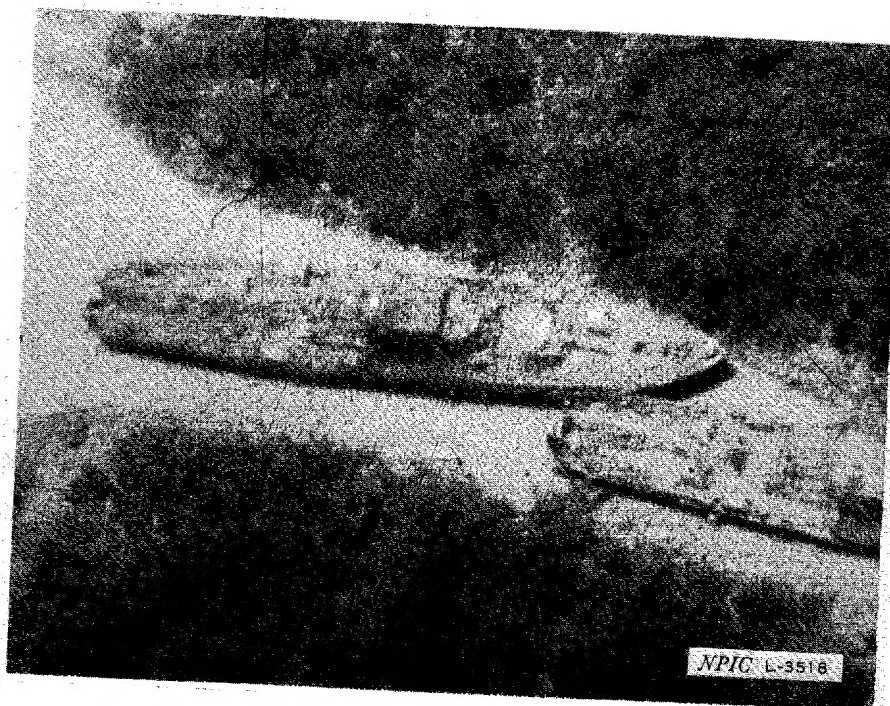
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NAME New Class PGM				
COUNTRY North Vietnam	GEO COORDINATES none	WAC none	BE NO none	NPIC NO none
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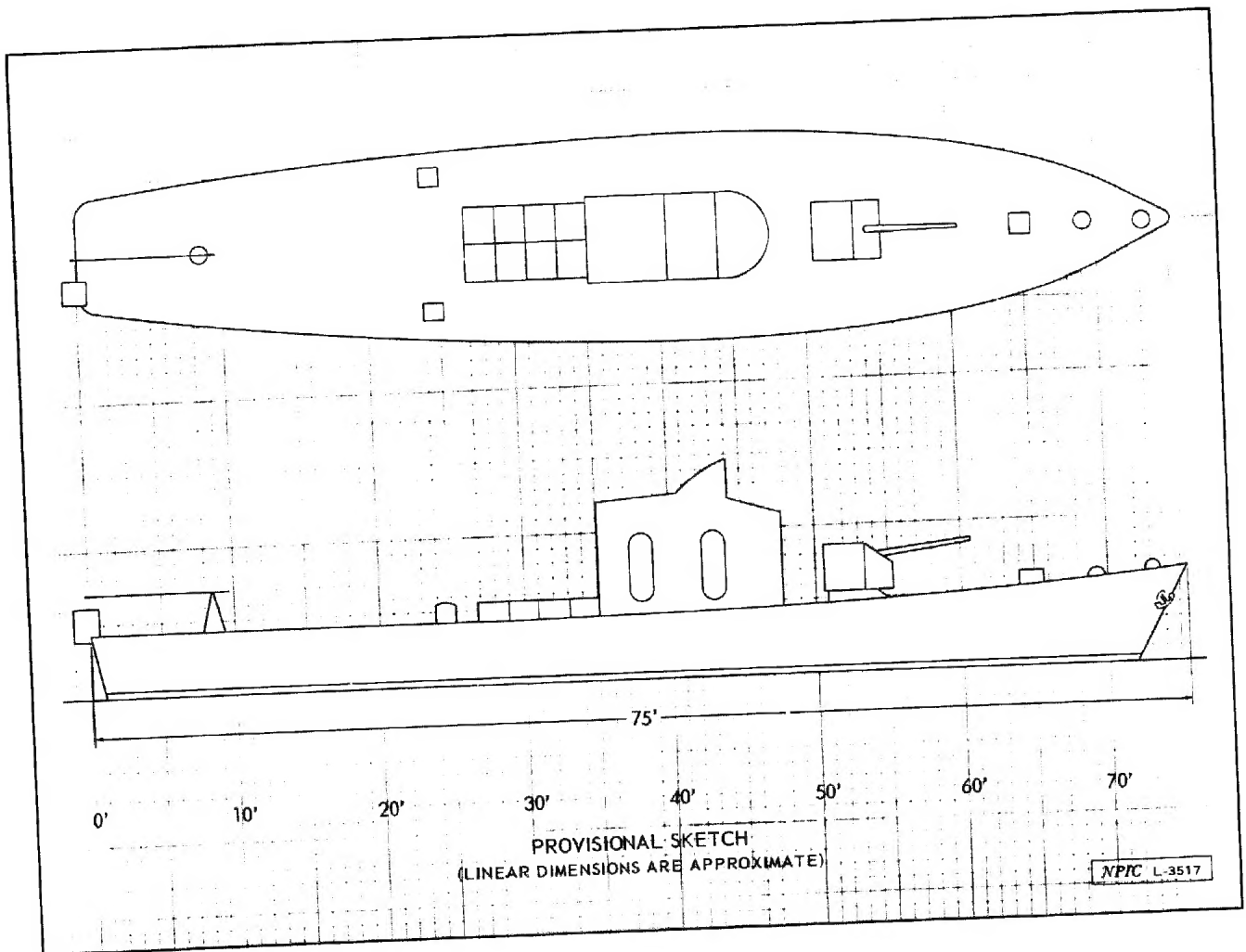
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A previously unreported class of small PGM has been photographed along the Cua Cuam, west of the Hai Phong port. The 2 vessels observed appear to be armed with a possible 37-mm forward mount but are not fitted with an aft mount nor secondary weapons, although ample deck space is available for installation. The low hatch-like structure aft of the bridge appears to be engineering spaces which extend through the main deck.

These vessels resemble Chinese Communist gun boats photographed in the South Sea Fleet, particularly in the unusual rounded forward portion of the deckhouse. However, proportional evaluation of the engine room, deckhouse, and forward mount spacing could not be accomplished. The lack of armament aft would indicate that these vessels are modified units or possibly new construction. The source of these units is not confirmed at the present time.





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